

**TOWN OF WEBSTER  
MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 7, 2010**

The Board of Commissioners for the Town of Webster met for its regularly scheduled meeting at 1411 Webster Road.

**Members Present:** Mayor Larry Phillips, Commissioner Billie Bryson, Commissioner Jean Davenport, Commissioner Rick Fulton, Commissioner Alan Grant, and Commissioner Mark Jamison.

**Others Present:** Louise Stephens, Kim Lay-Webster's Attorney, Brad Moses-Webster's TWSA representative, and Nick Breedlove of The Sylva Herald.

**Agenda-**Mayor Phillips called the meeting to order at 7:00pm with a call for additional Agenda items. Commissioner Bryson added attorney expenses while Brad Moses added drip line on Town Hall exterior. Commissioner Grant called for approval of the Agenda while Commissioner Fulton provided the second. The motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes-**Mayor Phillips called for approval of the Minutes. Commissioner Grant noted that the \$60,000 grant obtained by the Greenway Committee was to be used for construction of the walking trail and park at Smokey Mountain Elementary School in Whittier rather than the stated Tuckaseegee River Road and South River Road. Commissioner Fulton noted that a correction on the report of the Planning Board should note that Susan Levielle was not in attendance and that Commissioner Jamison actually gave the report. A consensus from the Board was that the contract with Blair Spangler did not fit the definition of a contract since both parties did not sign the agreement and preferred to call the document a verbal agreement. Following these corrections, Commissioner Jamison made a motion for approval with Commissioner Grant providing the second. The motion carried.

**Approval of Financial Report-**Commissioner Bryson presented the report noting that income totaled \$2,978.97 while expenditures totaled \$2,657.96. Powell Bill Funds showed a balance of \$51,405.18. Commissioner Davenport provided a motion that the report be accepted as presented while Commissioner Fulton gave the second. The motion carried.

**GUEST:** Brad Moses, Webster's TWSA representative. Mr. Moses reported the following information mostly in response to Commissioners' questions:

- The River Road treatment plant is on tract and should be completed in December 2011.
- Overall the issues with which TWSA is dealing do not directly involve Webster
- The impact fees imposed by TWSA are designed for maintenance and are actually lower than those of surrounding counties.
- Webster would benefit from having a Plan for sewer and water but there are no funds currently appropriated for plan development within TWSA. Plans have a five year life

span and development of such a plan would not necessarily ensure implementation within that five year span

- Older lines are being updated as needed and as funds are available although there is not an actual plan for expansion of TWSA at this time
- Currently developers have the choice of using septic tanks with the county health department approval or connecting with TWSA. No one is forced to connect to TWSA unless mandated by the health department
- Ideas to be consider for TWSA development may be forwarded to TWSA through a representative who will present the ideas. WASP meets biannually and all ideas presented are placed on the table for discussion
- No independent TWSA evaluations have been conducted for Webster
- TWSA typically relies on community evaluation and input or requests
- TWSA is monitoring new development areas and not the existing communities
- The fact that Webster does not have businesses does not enhance nor detract from work being done
- The Board members representing specific towns do heartily advocate for their town although Mr. Moses feels that a nonpolitical TWSA Board would be more advantageous
- TWSA does have a 10 Year Plan which Mr. Moses will make available to the Board
- The main line between Cullowhee and Sylva was updated three years ago
- Mr. Moses will rotate off the TWSA Board in December and is willing to serve as a mentor, if needed, for the new representative. Mr. Moses has served for nine years.

Mayor Phillips thanked Mr. Moses for his input and answers to our questions as well as his work with TWSA.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Power Wash Estimate for Town Hall-Mayor Phillips reported that he had obtained one estimate from Curtis Queen for \$600.00. Since the drip line needs repair the Board agreed to have that repair made before having power washing done.
2. Planning Board Membership-Mayor Phillips has spoken with Susan Leveille about the possibility in dropping the number of members of the Planning Board from nine to seven due to inability to completely fill the seats on the Planning Board. Further discussion was tabled at this time.
3. Noise Ordinance Research-Attorney Lay researched the noise ordinance in Waynesville with specific reference to “jake” brakes. As Webster does not have means of enforcement, this option did not appear to be viable.

Commissioner Grant presented information obtained through Joel Setzer regarding traffic accidents within the Town of Webster over the past five years. One hundred twenty nine crashes with 29 involving speeds over 45 mph were reported. North River Road showed 61 crashes with 5 sideswipes being noted and 20 accidents with speeds greater than 45mph. Mr. Grant also spoke with school bus drivers about near misses and actual contact with trucks on North River Road. Commissioner Jamison requested that Commissioner Grant write letters

requesting support for this problem to Jackson County Sheriff, Department of Transportation, and the NC Highway Patrol. Commissioner Grant and Mayor Phillips will draft a letter to be sent.

4. Deputies' Agreement-The contract is still under review and would state that the deputies are **working on behalf of the Sheriff of Jackson County.**

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:** No new information

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- The Greenway Committee-the next meeting is scheduled for 09-16-2010 at SCC. The focus of the committee is currently fair marker prices for right of way.
- The Planning Board-Ordinances still under review
- The Traffic and Safety Committee-Commissioner Grant will join with Mayor Phillips to pursue avenues for slowing traffic through Webster.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Funds Spent-Commissioner Bryson called the Commissioners' attention to the funds currently spent in legal research and suggested that all requests for legal work first be approved by the Board rather than individuals. She also asked Commissioners to be aware of the increase in Powell Bill funds being used with the new verbal agreement with Brad Spangler for sidewalk maintenance.
2. Apartment lease-Commissioner Bryson requested that Commissioners note the higher sums paid for electricity with the rental unit. Ideas were discussed but no changes made as the Town Hall also uses electricity and heat/air and it would be virtually impossible to separate the two entities with the current configuration of the thermostat. A motion to continue the lease as it is currently written at \$725 a month including utilities was made by Commissioner Jamison and a second provided by Commissioner Fulton. The motion carried.
3. Natural Gas-Commissioner Fulton inquired as to whether the Town of Webster would connect with the natural gas line once it was installed. Discussion centered on the ability to connect with the current appliances and costs involved.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45pm with a motion from Commissioner Jamison and a second from Commissioner Grant.

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Larry Phillips, Mayor

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Jean W Davenport, Clerk

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**AGENDA**  
**OCTOBER 5, 2010**

1. Call to Order/Call for Agenda items/Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Approval of Financial Report
4. Old Business:
  - Power Wash for Town Hall
  - Deputies' Contracts
  - Code of Ethics
  - Other
5. Zoning Administrator's Report
6. Committee Reports
  - The Greenway Committee
  - The Planning Board
  - The Traffic and Safety Committee
7. New Business
  - Other
8. Adjournment